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SUBJ: FORFETITED HOUSES RETURNED TO NKRUMAH-ERA OFFICIALS

1. HOMES BELONGING TO FOUR CABINET MINISTERS AND A REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM THE NKRUMAH REGIME HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THEM, ACCORDING TO A GOG DECREE PUBLISHED HERE AUGUST 24. FORMER MINISTERS ARE KWAKU AMOA-AWUAH, E.I. PREKO A.E. NKUMSAH, AND KROBO EDUSEI; REGIONAL COMMISSIONER IS JOSEPH ESSIFIE HAGAN. PROPERTIES OF THESE OFFICIALS WERE FORFEITED BY ORDER OF NATIONAL LIBERATION COUNCIL IN 1969 FOLLOWING OUSTER NKRUMAH.

2. COMMENT: THIS MOVE IS ANOTHER STEP IN REINTEGRATING OLD-LINE POLITICIANS INTO GHANA'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LIFE. EARLIER THIS MONTH, HEAD OF STATE ACHAMPONG ANNOUNCED THAT "DISQUALIFICATION DEGREE" BARRING EX-POLITICIANS FROM POLICAL ACTIVITY WOULD BE LIFTED IN INTEREST OF NATIONAL HARMONY AND TO ENABLE THEM TO STAND FOR ELECTION DURING TRANSITION TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. LOCAL PRESS SUBSEQUENTLY MENTIONED INJUSTICE OF KEEPING ASSETS OF NKRUMAH-ERA OFFICIALS FROZEN FOR SO LONG AND URGED GOG TO SHOW CLEMENCY, WHICH IT HAS NOW DONE. DISQUALIFICATION DECREE HAS NOT YET BEEN REPEALED BUT WE EXPECT IT WILL BE SOON. WHILE BAN ON POLITICAL PARTIES IS CERTAIN TO REMAIN IN FORCE, FOR TIME BEING, EX-POLITICIANS

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WILL BE ABLE TO COME OUT FROM WOODWORK ONCE DISQUALIFICATION DECREE IS OFF BOOKS. IN RETURN FOR HIS GENEROSITY, ACHEAMPONG MAY WELL EXPECT TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM SOME OF THESE FORMER POLITICIANS TO COUNTER-BALANCE CONTINUING PRESSURES ON HIM FROM PROFESSIONALS. HOLMES

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